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**GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS**

**RESOLUTION No. 1/34-C  
ON  
GENERAL CULTURAL MATTERS**

*The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan 28-30 Rabiul Thani 1428H 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);*

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers (ICCM), and the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of COMIAC;

**Abiding by** Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

**(A) Cultural Strategy and Plan of Action**

**Taking note** of the reports of the Consultative Council on Implementing the Cultural Strategy for the Muslim World (CCICS) adopted at its earlier meetings and the importance of the protection of Intellectual and cultural heritage against external threats:

1. **Welcomes** the adoption of the Cultural Strategy for the Islamic world in its modified form and **calls upon** the Member States willing to implement cultural projects to submit their projects to ISESCO.

**(B) Cultural Aspects of Globalization**

**Observing** the spread of globalization, advances in communication technologies, and the concomitant remarkable flow of information in all fields and their repercussions on cultural aspects:

1. **Reiterates** its call on General Secretariat of the OIC, ISESCO, and IRCICA to continue organizing symposia on protecting Islamic culture and heritage from the negative impact of globalization and **requests** the member states to submit their observations on the two studies already distributed to them in this regard.
2. **Commends and urges** the convening of regular meetings by the Islamic Group in UNESCO on the issue.

**(C) Dialogue among Civilizations**

**Recalling** the principles of *The Tehran Declaration* adopted in December 1997 by the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Summit Conference affirming that Islamic Civilization has always and throughout history been rooted in peaceful co-existence, cooperation, mutual understanding, and constructive dialogue with other civilizations and other ideologies; and also underlining the need to build understanding between civilizations; **bearing in mind** Resolution No. 53/22 adopted by the UN General Assembly, designating the year 2001 as the “UN Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations” which called for taking all measures aiming at the enhancing the concept of dialogue among civilizations; and **recalling** also the provisions of *The OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action* adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference, which called on the Organization of the Islamic Conference and its subsidiary and affiliated organs to contribute as a partner to intercultural and inter-religious dialogue and related efforts in this regard:

1. **Calls on** the OIC General Secretariat, UNESCO, the Islamic Educational, ISESCO, and the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA) to continue to strengthen inter-cultural and inter-civilizational dialogue through concrete and sustainable initiatives, conferences and symposia; and **appeals to** all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to provide all possible moral and financial support for the success of these dialogues.
2. **Commends** the entry into force of the agreement between the Republic of Tunisia and the OIC General Secretariat on the establishment of the Tunis Peace Forum, and **emphasizes** the importance of effective cooperation between the two sides to implement the provisions of the agreement in the service of civilized dialogue and to engender the values of toleration, enlightened moderation and solidarity.
3. **Welcomes** UN General Assembly Resolution calling for promotion of religious and cultural understanding, harmony and cooperation, advocating the respect of the specificities of each culture or religion and stressing the need to respect and protect religious sites in accordance with the relevant international treaties.

**(D) The Unified Hijri Calendar**

**Taking into account** the pressing need for the unification and standardization of the Hijri calendar which will reflect the unity of Muslims during the feasts and celebrations:

1. **Calls upon** all the Member States and Islamic institutions to implement previous resolutions to support the Fatwa Institution in implementing the satellite project with the cooperation of the University of Cairo and Centre for Space Studies and Consultations in the Arab republic of Egypt.

**(E) The World Week of Mosques**

**Underlining** the prominent role played by Mosques as symbols of unity, solidarity and brotherhood in the Muslim World:

**1. Calls on** the Member States to commemorate the World Week of Mosques through celebrations beginning on the 21<sup>st</sup> August, each year, with a view to consolidating and safeguarding Mosques, as holy places in accordance with the tolerant values of Islam.

**(F) Promoting Waqfs and their Role in the Development**

**Cognizant** of the pioneering role of the Islamic Waqfs System in enriching Islamic civilization and the effective contribution of Waqfs to the building of economic and social institutions of the community in addition to their notable contribution to the educational and health fields and to poverty alleviation:

**1. Urges** the Member States to provide further attention and care to Waqfs in their countries in the legislative and administrative fields, and to foster opportunities for them to develop their communities.

**2. Requests** the OIC General Secretariat and IDB to hold regular meetings in order to examine and enhance the performance of the various Waqfs, especially those devoted to Islamic Universities.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

**PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC  
HOLY PLACES**

**RESOLUTION No. 2/34-C**  
**ON**  
**PROTECTION OF ISLAMIC HOLY PLACES**

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**Abiding by** Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

**Recalling** the objectives of the OIC which stress the need for coordinated effort to safeguard the Islamic Holy Places and strengthen the struggle of Islamic peoples for the preservation of their dignity, independence and national rights;

**Affirming** those objectives and principles enshrined in the Charter of the OIC aimed at coordinating efforts to safeguard and preserve the Islamic heritage;

**Also recalling** the Resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference, on the unified stand against the desecration of Islamic Holy Places, especially Resolution No. 3/6-C (IS) of the Sixth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference;

**Recalling** the Resolutions of the Organization of the Islamic Conference on the unified stand against the violations of the sanctity of the Sacred Muslim Places;

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

**(A) Destruction of the Babri Masjid in India and Protection of Islamic Holy Places**

**Noting** that the Babri Mosque with its history spanning five centuries was the object of veneration and respect of Muslims all over the world;

**Also noting** with regret that the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Babri Masjid has passed without concrete steps being taken towards rebuilding of the Masjid or punishing those responsible for the sacrilegious act of its destruction and killing of thousands of innocent Muslims in its aftermath;

**Recalling** also that the Organization of the Islamic Conference made several appeals to the Indian Government to prevent any violation of the sanctity of the Mosque and emphasized the responsibility of the Government of India for safeguarding the inviolability of the Mosque and protecting its building against attacks by Hindu extremists;

**Also Recalling** the decision of the Indian Supreme Court of 24 October 1994 that the “resolution of the conflict is outside its jurisdiction”;

**Noting with deep concern** Indian statements on the destruction of the Babri Mosque and the construction of a Ram Temple at the site of the Babri Masjid;

**1. Recommends** the Member States and the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to follow up the implementation of the operative paragraphs of Resolution 19/9-C)(IS) adopted by the Ninth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference which calls upon the Government of India to:



- a) **Ensure** the safety and protection of the Muslims and all Islamic Holy Sites throughout India in accordance with its responsibilities and obligations under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international instruments.
  - b) **Take** immediate steps to implement its solemn commitment to reconstruct the Babri Mosque on its original site, to restore it as a Holy Place for Muslims, and to punish those guilty of the sacrilegious act of destroying a revered religious symbol of the Islamic world.
  - c) **Take** effective measures to prevent the construction of a temple on the site of the Babri Mosque.
  - d) **Take** immediate steps to ensure the protection of the other 3000 Mosques, especially those at Mathura and Varanasi, which have been the targets of threats and destruction attempts by Hindu extremists.
2. **Strongly condemns** the destruction of the historic Babri Mosque in Ayodhya, India, by Hindu extremists on 6 December 1992.
  3. **Expresses deep regret** over the failure of the Indian authorities to take appropriate measures to protect this important Muslim holy site.
  4. **Condemns** the forced and illegal entry of Hindu militants into the site of the Babri Masjid on 17 October 2001.
  5. **Expresses deep concern** over the safety and security of the Muslim minority in India.
  6. **Recommends** that the issue be submitted to (UNESCO) through the OIC Member States accredited to Parties.

**B) The Destruction of the Charar-e-Sharif Islamic Complex in Kashmir and other Islamic Sites therein**

**Deeply concerned** that, as a result of Indian armed action on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha in 1415H (1995), over 1500 houses and shops were gutted, holy relics were destroyed and the mosque and the Islamic Complex of Charar-e-Sharif razed to the ground, and deeply concerned at other incidences of damage to: the Shrine of the Shah-e-Hamadan in December 1997, the Jamia Mosque of Safapur in Baramula district in January 1998, the historic Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar in January 2001, Chadora mosque in October 2001 and a mosque in Srinagar with burning of the Holy Quran on 14 December 2002;

1. **Strongly deplores** the destruction of the 537 year old Islamic complex at Charar-e-Sharif which constitutes a serious aggression against the Islamic heritage of the Muslim people of Kashmir.
2. **Expresses its concern** over the loss of life and the burning of over 1500 houses of the civil residents of Charar-e-Sharif.
3. **Strongly condemns** the burning of the Shrine of Shah-e-Hamadan and the desecration of the Jamia Mosque at Safapur, and the burning of the Jamia Mosque at Kishtwar and other incidents of desecration of Muslim Holy places.
4. **Also condemns** the continuing desecration of Mosques and Muslim Holy Places and denial of religious rights to the Muslim population in the Indian Occupied State.
5. **Urges** the international community, especially the Member States to exert utmost efforts to protect the basic rights of the Kashmiri people, including their right to self-determination according to the relevant UN Resolutions as well as to safeguard their religious and cultural rights and their Islamic heritage.

**(C) The Destruction and Desecration of Islamic Historical and Cultural Relics and Shrines in the Occupied Azerbaijan Territories Resulting from the Aggression of the Republic of Armenia against the Republic of Azerbaijan**

**Emphasizing** that pieces of Azerbaijani history, culture, archaeology, and ethnography remaining in the territories occupied by Armenia are an integral part of Islamic heritage, and, therefore, must be protected;

**Reaffirming** United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884, which call on the Armenian forces to effect a full withdrawal from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories, including the Lachin and areas, immediately and without conditions; and strongly urge Armenia to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Azerbaijan;

**Reaffirming** that the utter and barbaric destruction of mosques and other Islamic Shrines in Azerbaijan, at the hands of Armenia, for the purpose of ethnic cleansing is a crime against humanity;

**Noting** the tremendous losses inflicted by the Armenian aggressors on the Islamic heritage in the Azerbaijani territories occupied by the Republic of Armenia, including total or partial demolition of rare antiquities and places of Islamic civilization, history, and architecture, such as mosques, mausoleums, graves, archaeological excavations, museums, libraries, art exhibition halls, and government theatres and conservatories, besides the destruction and smuggling out of the country of large quantities of priceless treasures and millions of books and historic manuscripts;

**Fully sharing** the anguish of the government and people of Azerbaijan in this regard;

1. **Strongly condemns** the barbaric acts committed by the Armenian aggressors in the Republic of Azerbaijan with the aim of total annihilation of the Islamic heritage in the occupied Azerbaijani territories;
2. **Vigorously demands** the strict and unconditional implementation by the Republic of Armenia of UN Security Council Resolutions No. 822, 853, 874, and 884.
3. **Reaffirms** its support for the efforts deployed by Azerbaijan at regional and international levels and aimed at protecting and preserving Islamic cultural values and treasures in the territories occupied by Armenia.
4. **Asserts** that Azerbaijan is entitled to adequate compensation for the damages it has sustained and **affirms** the Republic of Armenia's responsibility to pay up full compensation for such damages.

5. **Requests** the relevant OIC subsidiary organs and specialized agencies to explore the possibility of drawing up a program to help rebuild the mosques, educational institutions, libraries, and museums in the Azerbaijani territories liberated from occupation with the help of OIC Member States.

6. **Thanks** the Secretary-General for transmitting the OIC Member States' position on this issue to the United Nations, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and other international bodies, and for the coordination measures he has taken within the framework of OIC subsidiary, specialized, and affiliated organs. It also **thanks** those organs and organizations for their response, especially for the adoption by the IDB and ISESCO of programs to implement projects aimed at protecting Islamic holy places in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

**D) The Destruction of Mosques, Holy Tombs, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship in Iraq**

**Deeply concerned** about the terrorist destructions in Iraq that affected the Mosques, Holy Tombs of Imam Al-Hadi and Imam Al Hasan Al Askari, Hussainiat and Houses of Worship in addition to the killing of many Iraqis;

1. **Deplores strongly** the destruction of the Holy Tombs of Imam Al Hadi and Imam Al Askari, and religious sites, mosques and places of worship as acts aimed at causing sedition and sectarian strife among Iraqi citizens.
2. **Expresses** its deep concern about the numerous and substantial losses of life and public and private property.
3. **Urges** the international community, in particular the Member States to exert utmost efforts by providing possible assistance in order to protect religious places, especially because they are citadels of Islamic civilization.
4. **Affirms** the necessity and importance of strengthening the unity of the Iraqi people and of rejecting differences, particularly those with sectarian foundations

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the matters incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

**SOCIAL MATTERS**

**RESOLUTION No. 3/34-C**  
**ON**  
**SOCIAL ISSUES**

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**Conscious** of the growing need for Muslims throughout the world to promote Islamic revival and evolve societies grounded in the Islamic principles of peace, justice and equality for all human beings;

**Having taken note** of the fact that women and children are most vulnerable parts of the societies during conflicts and wars as well as occupation period,

**Having considered** the report of the Secretary-General on the following subjects:

**(A) Women and their Role in the Development of Muslim Society**

**Recalling** the provisions of the Ten-Year Program issued by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah-Al-Mukarramah, the importance of Women's role in society, the need to elevate women and surround them with nurturance and to consolidate those laws that seek to give women a greater role in the development of Muslim society in the economic, cultural, social and political fields and to protect them against all forms of violence or discrimination and to pay particular attention to the education of women and to combating illiteracy among women;

1. **Requests** Member States to take appropriate steps to organize Women's activities at national and international levels and in different fields consistent with the nature of women and the precepts of the Shariah.
2. **Expresses** gratitude to the Government of Turkey for the gracious hosting of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial Conference on Women's Role in the Development Member States and **welcomes** the recommendations made and decisions taken for the promotion of women's role.
3. **Welcomes also** the offer made by the Pakistan government to host a Conference for women leaders in the Islamic World, in Islamabad in 2007.
4. **Also requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the recommendation of *The OIC Ten-Year Program of Action*, with the creation of a special department for family affairs within the framework of the OIC General Secretariat restructuring exercise.
5. **Calls upon** the Member States and Islamic institutions to coordinate their positions in the international fora on social issues particularly those concerning women and children based on Islamic teachings.
6. **Decides** to proclaim October the 1<sup>st</sup> the Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Muhammad Al-Durrah in Palestine as the day of Islamic solidarity with women and children, victims of wars and occupation in the Islamic World.

**(B) Child Care and Protection in the Islamic World**

**Recalling** in particular, the provisions of the Cairo Declaration on Human Rights in Islam which stresses on the importance of the rights of the child,

**Welcoming** the Rabat Declaration on the issues of Children in the Islamic World, adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Islamic Conference of Ministers in-charge of Children's affairs, which was held in Rabat on 7-9 November, 2005, in coordination with the General Secretariat, ISESCO and UNICEF;

1. **Requests** the Member States to disseminate the Islamic values relevant to women and children, through the media, and to project the radiant image of Islam in improving child conditions in the Islamic World, and to reiterate the Islamic States solidarity on all child-related issues.
2. **Commends** the role of UNICEF in improving child conditions in the Islamic World, and **hails** the remarkable, fruitful and continued cooperation between the OIC Member States, the OIC General Secretariat and the OIC Subsidiary, Specialized and Affiliated institutions on the one hand, and UNICEF on the other, for the benefit of the child's survival, protection and development in the Member States.
3. **Urges** Member States to act, with the assistance of the international community, to improve the conditions of children, particularly those living under difficult conditions in conflict-ridden regions and those suffering from the effects of economic blockades and sanctions imposed on their countries, as well as displaced children refugees, by providing for their physical and moral needs and by taking interest in their education and helping them to return to normal lives, and **commends** the efforts expended by a number of Islamic countries in this area.
4. **Requests** Member States to take the necessary measures to protect children from the dangers resulting from harmful mass media programs and to support programs which lead to the promotion of the cultural, moral and ethical values of children.
5. **Urges** the Member States to act for the implementation of Rabat declaration adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Islamic Conference on Children.

(C) **Welfare of Orphans, Minors and Widows in Islamic States  
Affected by Wars and Disasters**

**Guided** by Islamic values which emphasize the necessity of caring for orphans, minors and widows;

**Affirming** its commitments to the noble principles enshrined in the Charter of the OIC and the international organizations concerned with humanitarian affairs in general and children in particular;

**Recognizing** the necessity of providing required support and assistance to guarantee proper Islamic upbringing and promising future for orphans, minors and widows confirmed to have been rendered orphans by wars and disasters in Islamic States;

**Believing** in the necessity of providing secure environment for those orphans, minors and widows to enable them contribute positively in the society thereby saving them from deviation which will bring about immense harm to their societies:

1. **Stresses** that programs provided for Member States affected by wars and disasters should consider programs for the welfare of orphans, minors and widows.
2. **Urges** all Member States to contribute to this humanitarian project.
3. **Invites** Islamic States to come forward with the proposals on voluntary contributions to these programs.
4. **Calls for** intensified contacts with specialized international and regional organizations in order to benefit from their experiences and contributions in these areas.
5. **Calls also for** the provision of voluntary assistance for these programs, particularly because the need for them is urgent.

**(D) Education and Rehabilitation of Muslim Youths**

**Reaffirming** the need to evolve sound approaches for the education and training of Muslim youth for the attainment of optimal cooperation and coordination among the Islamic States with a view to achieving the best levels of an all-embracing and just progress for all the youth of the Islamic Ummah:

1. **Calls on** Member States to work on developing adequate methods for the education and rehabilitation of Muslim Youths so as to enhance their role society with a view to meet the future challenges.
2. **Welcomes** the Working Paper presented by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Islamic Conference of Youth and Sport on Muslim Youth on future challenges and the mechanisms included on promoting and protecting Muslim Youth and enhancing its status in the society included therein and **calls** for coordination with the Adhoc Ministerial Follow-up Committee on all activities related to Youth..
3. **Thanks** the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Islamic Conference of Youths and Sport in cooperation with the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation.

**(E) Cooperation on Drug and Psychotropic Substance Abuses and their Illegal Production, Processing and Trafficking**

1. **Urges** the Member States to coordinate their efforts and harmonize their systems with respect to the illicit production and trade of narcotic and psychotropic substances within the framework of the relevant international organizations.
2. **Calls on** Member States to participate actively in international meetings and symposia on drug and psychotropic substance abuses and their illegal production, processing, and trafficking, particularly those organized by the United Nations and its specialized and subsidiary organs, and **requests** the Secretary-General to coordinate efforts in this regard with the Member States and to cooperate with the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) in Vienna and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
3. **Also urges** the Member States to give greater attention to the propagation of religious consciousness and discussion within their respective educational institutions, mass media and Dawa for a on the gravity of the production, use and trafficking in drugs as well as their categorical prohibition from the religious and legal viewpoints.



4. **Requests** the Member States to continue to intensify their cooperation and to exchange information and technical expertise to control narcotic drugs.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the matters incorporated into this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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**ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES**

**RESOLUTION No. 4/34-C  
ON  
ISLAMIC UNIVERSITIES**

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**Abiding by** Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

**Expressing** thanks to Member States, in particular, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, State of Kuwait, the government of Niger and the government of Uganda, the ISF, Islamic Development Bank, International Islamic Charitable Organization, World Islamic Da'wa Society in Libya, Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO), Iqra Charitable Organization, Islamic Dawa Organization in Sudan, Sheikh Zayed Institution for Humanitarian and Charitable Works, H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Muhammad Al Qasimi Member of Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah, World Forum of Islamic Youth, Bait Al Zakat of Kuwait, and to all those who provided support and assistance to the Islamic Universities.

**Commending** the Secretary-General for his contacts to mobilize the support for the universities to enable them to discharge their duties;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on following the matters:

**(A) Islamic University of Niger (IUN)**

**Welcoming** the University's Ten Year Plan as prepared by an ad hoc committee and endorsed by the 19th Session of Board of Trustees of the university held in Niamey on 13-15 December, 2006, in implementation of the Ten-Year Program of Action of the OIC:

- 1. Appeals** to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, and Islamic Philanthropic organizations to provide financial and material support to this important Islamic institution for the creation of multi-disciplinary and applied science faculties in Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Social Sciences, Economics, Computer Science and Information Technology, with new facilities such as ones for theoretical disciplines, scientific ones, laboratories, and housing units for students and lecturers; **and exhorts** them to provide sufficient scholarships to the needy students.
- 2. Calls on** the Member States' universities to establish varied relations with the Islamic University in Niger.
- 3. Calls upon** Member States, Islamic organizations and personalities to contribute to the University's Waqf, whose Statute had been approved during the 26th ICFM in Burkina Faso, and **urges** the donors to step up their efforts to achieve this objective and **commissions** the Secretary-General and the University Board of Trustees to work in this sense to secure the sufficient funds for the Waqf of the University.
- 4. Commends** the Islamic Solidarity Fund for its continued support to finance the main part of the annual budget of the University and **urges** the Member States, the IDB, ISESCO and the Islamic Charitable institutions to lend urgent financial and material assistance for the benefit of the University's operating budget.
- 5. Appreciates** the proposal of Iqra Society to transfer the Iqra Institute for Technical and Vocational Training to a Faculty within the Islamic University in Niger. It also appealed to it to expedite implementation of the said proposal.

6. **Commends also** the Arab Republic of Egypt for the scholarships given for higher education to the University in the framework of the initiative of President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak for advanced education of future African leaders.

**(B) Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU)**

**Welcoming** the Ten Year Plan of the University approved by the University Council in implementation of the Ten-Year Program of Action of the OIC:

1. **Appeals** to Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, Islamic Solidarity Fund, Charitable Organizations, and individuals to assist the University in establish applied science faculties in Medicine, Engineering, Agriculture, Social Sciences, Economics, Computer Science & Information Technology and also in putting up more lecture rooms, science laboratories, staff houses, sports facilities, and other facilities to enable the University meet the demands of the increasing number of students. Further **appeals** for scholarships to assist the many needy students in the University who cannot meet the University fees and requests IDB to consider offering such scholarships.

2. **Commends** the continued support by the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) to the annual budget of the university and appeals to the ISF to increase its annual contribution to the University and assist it in paying off its remaining arrears.

3. **Appreciates** the Islamic Development Bank for agreeing to construct two Students' Hostel projects based on soft loan financing mode in the Islamic University in Uganda at the cost of US\$ 5.214 million.

4. **Thanks** the President of the Republic of Uganda His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and his government for donating 10 Acres of prime investment land in Kampala city, Uganda to the University. **Calls upon** the Islamic Development Bank to expedite the release of the promised necessary funds to enable the construction of the Waqf Endowment project to start at the earliest.

5. **Welcomes** the Arab Republic of Egypt for post-graduate scholarships given to the University in the framework of the initiative of President Mohammed Hosni Mubarak for advanced education of future African leaders.

6. **Appeals** to the Government of Uganda to urgently finalize the acquisition of the 300 acres of land it donated to the University to enable it carry out its development projects.

7. **Requests** ISESCO to continue providing its assistance to the University.

8. **Calls upon** the University administration to continue creating effective policies and systems that will ensure financial stability as well as quality teaching in the University.

9. **Appreciates** the offer by H.H. Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Muhammad Al-Qassim, Member of the Supreme Council and Ruler of Sharjah to establish a Waqf for the IUIU in Sharjah city. **Calls upon** other Member States to assist the University by setting up endowment for the University in their commercial cities.

10. **Applauds** the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for its support to the King Fahd Plaza and the Budget of the University, and the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for seconding 19 Academic staff to the University for two years.

**(C) International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM)**

1. **Calls** for support and contribution to the progress and development of the Islamic University of Malaysia with the aim of enhancing its capacity and enabling it to operate with its full potential to achieve its objectives.

2. **Appeals** to all Member States, the IDB, the ISF, ISESCO, WAMY, Muslim World League, and all other Islamic Institutions to support morally and financially the programmes and activities of the International Institute for Muslim Unity (IIMU) which was newly established and founded within the International Islamic University of Malaysia, to help it in building its capacity and to enable it to fully operate in order to carry out its vision, mission and functions aiming to foster and strengthen the Unity and Solidarity among Muslim Ummah.

**(D) Islamic University in Bangladesh (IUB)**

1. **Urges** all Member States, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), the Muslim World League (MWL), and other Islamic financial institutions to provide adequate academic and financial assistance to the Islamic University in Bangladesh (IUB) so that it can achieve its objectives.

2. **Calls upon** the General Secretariat to continue cooperation with ISESCO, to provide academic assistance to the Islamic University in Bangladesh, from Member States Universities, by sending lecturers there to teach and by providing scholarships, and the preparation of curricula and textbooks.

**(E) Proposed Project of Zeitouna University in Tunisia**

1. **Reiterates** its support for the construction of a new campus so as to enable the University to consolidate its educational and cultural role, and for the implementation of the project.

2. **Commends** the initiative of the Republic of Tunisia in creating the Higher institute and Tunisia House for Islamic Civilization and Comparative Civilizations and **calls on** the Member States, the IDB, and donor Islamic institutions to support the achievement of this important cultural project.

3. **Thanks** the Republic of Tunisia for its allocation of a plot of land covering 5.5 ha for the benefit of this project and the preparation of the topographic blueprints and the operational and pedagogical programme for this important academic institution.

4. **Thanks** also the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the General Secretariat, the IDB, and the Islamic Solidarity Fund for providing assistance to the Zeitouna University; **calls on** them to continue providing material support until the completion of the construction of all the components of the project; and **calls also on** them to consider dispatching a delegation to Tunisia to assess the progress of the construction works.

**(F) Assistance to King Faisal University in N'Djamena, Republic of Chad**

1. **Urges** Member States to provide material and moral aid to King Faisal University in N'djamena, Chad.

2. **Thanks** the Kingdom of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the ISF for their assistance to the University and invites them to continue to do so. It also calls on the Islamic Development Bank and other Islamic institutions to provide every possible aid to the University.

3. **Requests** the General Secretariat to follow up the University's conditions and note its requirements for the purpose of its promotion.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the matters incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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**ISLAMIC CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS,  
CENTERS AND INSTITUTES**

**RESOLUTION No. 5/34-C**  
**ON**  
**ISLAMIC CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, CENTERS, AND INSTITUTES**

*The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan 28-30 Rabiul Thani 1428H 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);*

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), and the Eighth Session of COMIAC;

**Abiding by** Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on the following matters:

**A) Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research, Timbuktu, Mali**

1. **Appeals** to all Member States, IDB, the Islamic Solidarity Fund, the Joma'a Majid Foundation in the Arab United Emirates, and other Islamic charitable institutions to provide material support to the Regional Institute of Islamic Studies and Research in Timbuktu so that it may achieve its objectives. It also **invites** Member States to provide the institute with researchers and technicians.
2. **Urges** the OIC Specialized and Affiliated Cultural Institutions (IRCICA, ISESCO, Islamic University of Technology in Bangladesh and Islamic University in Malaysia to provide their material and academic support to the institute.
3. **Thanks** IRCICA for teaching and training the eligible candidates from the Institute to conserve and restore valuable monuments and book bindings.

**B) Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE), Islamabad, Pakistan**

1. **Emphasizes** once again the importance of establishing the Regional Institute for Complementary Education (RICE) in Islamabad, Pakistan, and encouraging the teaching of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in non-Arabic speaking Asian countries.
2. **Appeals** to the Member States, the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools to contribute generously to this project.
3. **Expresses its appreciation** of the efforts of the Government of Pakistan to establish this Institute and ensure its operation and conveys its thanks to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the financial support it has provided to the Institute and to the Arab Republic of Egypt for the seconding a number of Arabic and religious affairs teachers. It also expresses appreciation to the ISF for its financial assistance to the Institute.

**C) The Islamic Centre in Guinea-Bissau**

1. **Commends** the execution of the Guinea-Bissau Islamic Centre and its imminent commissioning.
2. **Thanks** the Islamic Solidarity Fund for financing the construction of the Centre and its on-going support for the Centre, also **thanks** the Direct Aid Organization (formerly African Muslims Committee) for supervising the project.
3. **Calls** on the Member States, Islamic Development Bank, Islamic institutions and charitable organizations to assist to establish Waqf endowment in favor of the Islamic Centre.

**D) Assistance to the Islamic Institute of Translation in Khartoum**

**1. Urges** and requests the Member States and Islamic financial institutions foremost of which are the Islamic Development Bank and the Islamic Solidarity Fund to provide regular financial assistance to the Institute to enable it to continue functioning in the best way and **commends** in this regard the financial support provided to the Institute by the Islamic Solidarity Fund.

**2. Commends** anew the financial support provided by the Government of Sudan to the budget of the Institute to enable it to perform its role in an optimal manner, and to solve the financial difficulty it is experiencing.

**3. Thanks** the Government of Sudan for granting a piece of commercial land in Khartoum for investment, to the institute and appeals to the member states and all financial institutions to contribute to the implementation of this project.



**E) Proposal for the Establishment of an International Islamic Board for the Holy Quran**

1. **Welcomes** the idea of establishing an international Islamic Board for the Holy Quran.
2. **Recommends** finalizing consultations between the Ministry of Waqfs and Islamic Affairs in the State of Qatar, the Sponsor of the project, and the Ministry of Waqfs, Islamic Affairs, Dawa and Guidance in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and the King Fahd Academy of the Holy Quran in Al-Madinah Al-Munawara as recommended by the Islamic Fiqh Academy.
3. **Recommends also** that the OIC General Secretariat, the Al-Azhar in Cairo and the Muslim World League in Makkah Al-Mukarramah take part in those consultations along with the parties listed in the decision of the Islamic Fiqh Academy.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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**PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS**

**RESOLUTION No. 6/34-C  
ON  
PALESTINIAN AFFAIRS**

*The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan 28-30 Rabiul Thani 1428H 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);*

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), and the Eighth Session of COMIAC;

**Abiding by** Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

**Taking into consideration** the policies and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities towards the Arab citizens in the occupied Arab territories, aimed primarily at the eradication of their cultural identity, along with Israeli attempts to wipe out and disintegrate their national and Arab identity at all levels, the Israeli policy of systematic stamping out of education aimed at creating a poorly educated generation ignorant of its history, heritage, homeland, and Ummah, the Israeli practice of a policy bent on maligning Arab and Islamic civilization and causing prejudice to Arabs and Muslims, the Israeli abuse and distortion of historical and geographical facts, in addition to the continued Israeli policy of racial discrimination through claims of Israeli supremacy over the citizens of the occupied Arab territories, all of which constitutes a blatant violation of their fundamental rights;

**Condemning** the aggressive actions perpetrated by Israel to expand the municipal boundaries of the City of Al-Quds Al-Sharif by constructing more settlements and building the racist isolation and separation Barrier around the city in order to annex it;

**Recalling** the Final Communiqué issued by the expanded Extraordinary Meeting of the Executive Committee held in Jeddah on 22/2/2007 to discuss the excavations of and threats to the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque.

**Expressing deep concern** at the Israeli threats and attacks against the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque and holy places in the Palestinian territories;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on following the matters:

**A) The Twinning of Palestinian Universities in the Occupied Territories with Universities in OIC Member States**

1. **Calls on** the Member States to allocate scholarships for the benefit of Palestinian students; **expresses its appreciation** to Member States who have already given scholarships; and **urges** them to increase these scholarships and reduce their tuition fees for Palestinian students.
2. **Recommends** also providing all forms of financial and academic support and assistance to Palestinian universities in order to enable them to play their national and educational role. The Committee **calls upon** the Union of Islamic Universities (UIU) to coordinate with the Member universities in order to facilitate and encourage twinning agreements between the Palestinian universities and its members with a view to fostering joint cooperation between them and **calls upon** these universities to receive training and academic missions from Palestinian universities.
10. **Calls upon** the Member States to participate effectively in the establishment of Al-Aqsa University in the City of Al-Quds, in implementation of the resolution of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit.

**B) The Educational Situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the Occupied Syrian Golan**

1. **Condemns** the measures taken by the Israeli occupation authorities against the educational and cultural institutions and organizations in the occupied Palestinian territories, particularly in terms of the obstacles created by the racist separation Barrier preventing Palestinian students and teachers from reaching their schools and universities and thus denying Palestinians access to education, so as to obliterate their national identity, alienate them from their culture and history, and distort their civilization so as to serve the designs of occupation.
2. **Calls upon** Member States to provide all necessary financial assistance in order to provide the funding required for the development of education in the occupied territories, in general, and in the City of Al- Quds Al-Sharif, in particular, in view of the extreme difficulties faced by the educational process in the Holy City on account of the practices of the Israeli occupation authorities, including imposing their own educational curricula and closing down schools outside their control.
3. **Reiterates** its full support and assistance for the inhabitants of the occupied Syrian Golan in their resistance against the oppressive Israeli practices, and their legitimate struggle to preserve their cultural, national, and Arab identity, and **appeals to** the United Nations and to specialized international bodies and institutions, particularly UNESCO, to counter these Israeli policies which violate international laws and conventions.
4. **Calls for** support to the steadfastness of the Syrian citizens in the occupied Syrian Golan against the Israeli practices aimed at obliterating their Arab cultural identity and **proclaims** its support for the preservation of the Syrian Arab educational curricula and the provision of their educational and cultural materials.
5. **Calls upon** the international community to shoulder its full responsibility in compelling Israel to abide by the principles of *The Universal Declaration on Human Rights* and all international conventions on human rights, particularly *The Geneva Convention on the Protection of Civilians in Time of War* of 20/8/1949, as well as the relevant resolutions adopted by the United Nations and its specialized agencies.
10. **Condemns** the actions and practices of the Israeli occupation authorities against educational and other institutions in the occupied Syrian Golan, their cancellation of the Syrian educational curricula in the villages of the Golan, and their substitution by Israeli curricula, their imposition of the teaching of Hebrew instead of Arabic, their replacement of the teaching staff to serve the goals and directives of Israeli policy, their imposition of measures to deny Syrian Arab citizens access to higher education in Syrian universities and their denying some of those who manage to get education in those universities the right to return to their homes.

**C) The Israel Aggressions against Islamic Shrines in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the Preservation of the Islamic Character, Human Heritage, and Religious Rights of Al-Quds Al-Sharif**

1. **Reiterates** the necessity of implementing all previous Islamic resolutions on the preservation of the Islamic character and human heritage of Al-Quds Al-Sharif.
2. **Calls for** continued urgent and effective action at all Islamic and international levels with a view to compelling Israel to rescind its decision to annex the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif; reaffirming the City's Arab-Islamic character; and rejecting its annexation or Judaization, in line with the relevant Resolutions of international legality, particularly UN Security Council Resolutions No. 465 and 478; while exerting all efforts in order to implement these two resolutions in conformity with the resolutions of the United Nations and international legality.
3. **Requests** the General Secretariat to continue its coordination with international agencies and institutions and particularly with UNESCO in order to implement the initiative of UNESCO's Director-General to renovate the Holy City; preserve the historic buildings of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and the ancient buildings surrounding Al-Quds Holy Sanctuary; close the tunnel; stop the excavation works especially on the south and west of the Holy Sanctuary; and preclude the implementation of any designs aimed at destroying and removing the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque. The Committee **calls upon** the General Secretariat to implement the special agreement with UNESCO on Palestinian Territories and Palestine Affairs.
4. **Urges** the General Secretariat and Member States to provide material assistance, in implementation of the content of the Final Communiqué of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Summit on the contribution of one dollar by every Muslim, alongside the contributions of Member States, in order to enable the Palestinian people to face Israeli assaults and designs aimed at obliterating religious landmarks in the Holy City of Al-Quds, and **reaffirms** the need to provide all forms of support and assistance to the Palestinian Arab residents of Al-Quds Al-Sharif to enable them to renovate their houses, support their steadfastness and protect Islamic shrines in Al-Quds Al-Sharif from demolition and waste.
5. **Strongly condemns** the Israeli threats and the threats of Jewish extremists to attack and desecrate Al-Aqsa Mosque. It **reaffirms** that the threats announced by the Israeli President to partition the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque confirm the direct official support by the Israeli authorities for the Judaization process and for altering the religious, cultural, political landmarks and identity in order to achieve the Israeli designs by surrounding it by settlements from inside and outside and tightening Israel's stranglehold over the city by building the racist annexation and separation Barrier.
6. **Strongly condemns** Israel for building the separation Barrier, the so-called Jerusalem Envelope, which seeks to isolate the City of Al-Quds from its Arab-Palestinian environment, and for its unrelenting attempts to Judaize it by altering its civilizational, historical, and cultural landmarks.
7. **Requests** Member States to coordinate and intensify their efforts in the various international forums in order to prevent the implementation of the Israeli scheme for partitioning the Ibrahimi Mosque in Al-Khalil, to ensure access to it for Muslim worshippers, and preserve the integrity of the Ibrahimi Haram as a Mosque for Muslims only, just as it has been down the ages.
8. **Calls on** Member States to ensure the restoration of the old town in Al-Khalil and to safeguard the heritage and culture of this historic city and its resident Palestinian families in order to counter Jewish settlements in the city.
9. **Strongly denounces and condemns** Israel for digging excavations under the perimeter of Al-Aqsa Mosque, leading to the collapse of a large section of the Mosque's perimeter along Al-Maghariba Gate. Further **condemns** Israel for denying Palestinians access to their places of worship in Al-Quds and for its attempt to interfere in the Islamic Waqf (Endowment) matters and prevent the renovation of holy places.
10. **Requests** the General Secretariat to constitute a committee of legal experts from Member States to discuss the grave violations perpetuated by Israel in the vicinity of the Blessed Al-Aqsa Mosque in the form of excavation and threat to the Mosque's foundations, and make necessary legal recommendations for the protection of the Mosque and other holy places in the city of Al-Quds and other parts of Palestine.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

**SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

**RESOLUTION No. 7/34-C  
ON  
SUBSIDIARY ORGANS**

*The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan 28-30 Rabiul Thani 1428H 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);*

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), and the Eighth Session of COMIAC;

**Abiding by** Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

**Having taken note of** the reports submitted by the Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA), the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA), and the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF);

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on following the matters:

**A) The Research Centre for Islamic History, Art, and Culture (IRCICA), Istanbul**

1. **Notes** with satisfaction the successful implementation of a variety of projects and activities by the Centre in the fields of research, publication and promotion of scholarly studies on various subjects, holding a number of scientific symposia, cultural lectures, exhibitions in fields of its concern in its headquarters and in the Member States; **praises** the efforts of the Centre in achieving various projects in cooperation with cultural and academic institutions in the member states and worldwide.

2. **Notes** with appreciation the contribution made by the Centre towards the implementation of the relevant projects assigned to IRCICA within the OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action, in particular the activation of dialogue among civilizations through its research, publications and congresses and organizing of cultural forums and international activities aiming to improve the image of the Muslim world and Islamic civilization.

3. **Praises** the progress made by the Centre for finalizing the publishing of a critical edition of the Mushaf (Quran copy) that is attributed to the third Caliph, Othman bin Afan and called IRCICA to continue its efforts for surveying and compiling bibliographies of translations of the meanings of the Holy Quran.

4. **Commends** the efforts made by IRCICA for successfully organising the International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in Southern Africa in Johannesburg.

5. **Commends** IRCICA for organising the third Symposium on the theme of Islamic Civilization in the Balkans.

6. **Takes note** of the successful organization of the International Congress on: Tourism and Traditional Handicrafts, International Award for the craft innovators in the Muslim World and the variety of exhibitions of artisans at work which took place in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 7-14 November 2006 under the High Patronage of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz and organised in cooperation with the Supreme Commission for Tourism in Saudi Arabia.

7. **Commends** the Centre's taking part in the seminar organised by the Council of Europe on "Contact and interaction: the image of the Muslim world in history learning in Europe" held in Strasbourg on 9 and 10 October 2006.

8. **Praises** the efforts of IRCICA for organising the meeting of the initial planning session of the Advisory Committee of the International Architectural Heritage Program entitled: Jerusalem 2015 organized jointly with the

University of Al-Quds which held at its premises on 21 and 23 February 2006, and the seminar organized on 25 and 26 November 2006 with the participation of students from universities from Istanbul and Politecnico di Bari, Italy.

9. **Commends** the progress been made by the Centre towards implementation of the project launched under the generous initiative of HRH Prince Sultan bin Salman, Secretary General of the Supreme Commission for Tourism, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in order to document and classify archeological and historical Islamic sites and monuments in the Member States, and build a data bank of these sites and monuments.

10. **Notes** with appreciation the Centre's project to hold the First International Symposium on "Islamic Civilization in Central Asia" in Kazakhstan, in cooperation with the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on 4-7 September 2007.

11. **Lauds** the project of the Centre to organize the third international symposium on "Islamic Civilization in Volga-Ural Region" in 2008, jointly with academic institutions in the region; **takes note with appreciation** of the Agreement of cooperation signed between IRCICA and the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Tatarstan under the patronage of The President of Tatarstan H.E. Mintimer Shiamiev and H.E. the Secretary General of OIC Prof. Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu during the visit of H. E. the President to IRCICA on 02 Feb. 2007.

12. **Welcomes** the project of IRCICA to organize the international congress on "Egypt during the Ottoman Period" in Cairo on 26-30 November 2007;

13. **Commends** the Agreement of Cooperation signed between the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the Republic of Turkey, IRCICA and UNESCO for establishing the Süleymaniye Book Hospital Project which comes within the context of the cooperation of IRCICA with UNESCO in its capacity as a focal point for OIC-UN cooperation in the field of arts, crafts and promotion of heritage.

14. **Expresses** its thanks and appreciation to all the Member States for the moral and material support they are extending to IRCICA, thus enabling it to fulfill its mission, in particular the host country of IRCICA, the Republic of Turkey, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the host country of the OIC; **notes with gratitude** the support and patronage extended by the Sovereigns, Heads of State and Government of the Member States, which found eloquent expressions recently in the visits to IRCICA by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques His Majesty King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, during the King's official visit to Turkey, accompanied by H. E. Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, Prime Minister of Turkey on 10 August 2006, and more recently, in the Prime Minister's graciously accepting the IRCICA Award for Patronage of Inter-Cultural Dialogue, presented to him by H.E. the Secretary General of OIC and the Director General of IRCICA at a ceremony held on 2 February 2007, as another manifestation of the support and encouragement extended to the Centre's activities.

15. **Expresses** its thanks to the Member States which regularly pay their contributions to IRCICA's budget and **invites** the other countries to do so and settle their arrears to IRCICA's budget.

## **B) The International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA)**

1. **Commends** the outstanding performance of the Secretary-General of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) and his effective role in the service of IIFA and of the jurisprudential causes of Muslims. **Commends also** the achievements of the staff of IIFA's General Secretariat since the 29<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural, and Social Affairs (ICECS).

2. **Expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation** to His Majesty the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz, Sovereign of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, for his gracious call launched during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (ISC) held in Makkah Al-Mukarramah on 5-8 December 2005, inviting the then International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IFA) in its new era to assume a proactive role in combating extremism and promoting moderation, in addition to emphasizing the importance of reforming the Academy so as to provide a jurisprudential Fiqh authority for the Muslim world.

3. **Expresses** its thanks to the Secretary-General of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) for the importance he is according to the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in implementation of the resolution of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Session of the Islamic Summit Conference (ISC) held in Mecca Al-Mukarramah on 5-8 December 2005, which was translated in the adoption of IIFA's new Statute during the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the ICFM (Session of Harmony of Rights, Laws, and Freedoms) in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan, on 23-25 Jumada I, 1427H (19-21 June 2006).



4. **Commends** the academic achievements of the Islamic Fiqh Academy and its rulings on new issues in all fields of contemporary jurisprudential Fiqh issues, taking into account the historically required adaptation, in accordance with the noble Islamic Sharia, particularly the Islamic Thought Forum, which is continuing its successful campaign for the third year in a row by bringing together an elite of eminent scholars from inside and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with a view to combating Islamophobia and promoting the true image of Islam.

5. **Thanks** the Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Charitable and Humanitarian Relief Foundation for its support of the work of the Islamic Fiqh Academy (IFA) by funding *The Encyclopedia of Jurisprudential Rules*, which is in its final stages of revision and proofreading. **Thanks also** the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the World Forum for the Proximity of Islamic Schools of Thought (WFPIST) in the Islamic Republic of Iran for their consistent support of the project on *The Encyclopedia of Economic Jurisprudence*.

6. **Commends** the outstanding level of IIFA's academic publications and the issues and studies they contain in response to the needs and aspirations of the Muslim Ummah as well as its civilizational, intellectual, and scientific challenges, particularly *The IIFA Journal*, which has now attained the publication of its Volume XV (48 Issues), in addition to IIFA's publication of its journal and research studies on CD Rom.

7. **Thanks** the Member States which have paid their contributions to IIFA's budget; **renews** its call on the Member States that have not done yet so to settle their contributions; and **recommends** Member States to continue to support IIFA in order to enable it to fulfill its mission in the service of the Muslim Ummah and its vital causes.

8. **Thanks** the Member States which have responded to the OIC Secretary-General's call to join the Academy in implementation of the Resolution adopted by the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the ICFM held in Sana'a on 28-30 June 2005; and **appeals** to the Member States that have not yet done so to join the Academy as soon as possible, so as to enable it to focus on, and achieve its noble objectives—as is the case in all the Member States—by providing them with the necessary jurisprudential studies, Fatwas, and rulings, as well as implementing whatever projects they may care to propose.

#### C) **The Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) and its Waqf**

1. **Expresses its determination** to safeguard this important Islamic organ, which is considered a truly honorable icon of Islamic solidarity.

2. **Reaffirms** the importance of developing the ISF in accordance with *The OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action*; **commends** in this regard the measures taken by the OIC Secretary-General; and **calls for** expediting this process.

3. **Expresses its deep concern** over the low-level of donations received by the ISF during the financial year 2005/2006 and **appeals** to all the Member States to commit themselves to making annual contributions commensurate with their financial resources in favour of the ISF budget as well as the ISF Waqf Endowment's capital.

4. **Expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation** to the Member States that have made donations to the ISF and its Waqf during the Financial Year 2005/2006, particularly the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the State of the United Arab Emirates, the Republic of Senegal, the Syrian Arab Republic, and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

5. **Endorses** the approval by the ISF Permanent Council of the ISF Estimated Budget for the financial year 2005/2006 to the tune of USD 11,350,000.00 as well as its approval of the half-year estimated budget starting from 1/7/2007 to 31/12/2007 in implementation of Resolution No. 3/33-AF on the amendments to the Financial Regulations of the OIC and its various organs.

6. Endorses the report of the ISF Permanent Council.

7. Endorses the amendment of articles (3,4,5,9,10,11 and 12) of the ISF Statute.

8. **Appeals** to the OIC Secretary-General to arrange donor sessions and to announce donations to the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) during the 34<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) in Islamabad.

9. **Urges** the ISF Permanent Council to continue to provide assistance in favour of Islamic cultural and educational projects around the Muslim world while paying particular attention to projects launched in accordance with the provisions of Islamic Summit and Foreign Ministerial Conferences.

10. **Expresses its thanks and appreciation** to the ISF Permanent Council and its Chairman as well as the ISF Executive Bureau for the efforts they are all exerting in order to achieve the objectives of the ISF and its Waqf.

**SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS**

## RESOLUTION No. 8/34-C

ON  
SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS

*The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan 28-30 Rabiul Thani 1428H 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);*

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), and the Eighth Session of COMIAC;

**Abiding by** Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

**Having also considered with deep appreciation**, the reports submitted by ISESCO and Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) on the subject;

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on the following matters:

A) **The Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)**

1. **Expresses its appreciation and satisfaction** for the educational, cultural, scientific and informational programmes, activities, and projects included in ISESCO's Action Plan 2007-2009, under the dynamic leadership of its Director-General, Dr. Abdulaziz Othman Altwajri.

2. **Praises** ISESCO for holding several international and Islamic conferences and symposia in the fields of the development of education, culture, science, technology and informatics, promotion of inter-civilizational dialogue and alliance, presentation of the true image of Islam and Muslims, care for woman and the child, spreading the values of human rights, democracy, tolerance and moderation, preservation of the environment, natural resources and renewable energies, and alleviation of disasters' effects, and **urges** it to continue devoting attention to these areas that are vital for the future of the Muslim Ummah.

3. **Commends** the Ten-Year Plan (2006-2015) drawn up by ISESCO to contribute to achieving *The OIC Ten-Year Programme of Action* adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Extraordinary Islamic Summit and **commends also** the activities implemented by ISESCO in the year 2006 under this Plan.

4. **Commends** the many invaluable personal initiatives and contributions of ISESCO's Director-General and his effective leadership in the organization of specialized International and Islamic conferences, in cooperation with similar organizations which has helped to create and promote a positive image of ISESCO in the international community.

5. **Notes with satisfaction** Tunisia's hosting of the international conference on "Human Civilizations and Cultures: from Dialogue to Alliance", held by ISESCO from 30 January to 01 February 2006, as well as the "Cartage Tolerance Charter" and the "Tunisia's Appeal for Dialogue among Civilizations" adopted by the Conference; It expresses its appreciation to the President of the Republic of Tunisia, Zin Al Abidine Bin Ali, for accepting to sponsoring "the International Conference on Terrorism: Dimensions, Threats and Countermeasures" which will be organized by ISESCO in cooperation with the OIC and the United Nations in the Republic of Tunisia on 15-17 November 2007.

6. **Praises** ISESCO's efforts in preserving the identity of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and its sanctities, as well as in sustaining Palestinian educational, cultural and scientific institutions and protecting them against attempts at obliteration and judaization, **supports** the efforts of ISESCO Director-General in defending the city of Al-Quds Al-Sharif and coordinating the efforts of the Member States to oppose the proposal put forward by the Israeli occupation state to inscribe Al-Quds as an Israeli site on its Tentative World Heritage List.

7. **Welcomes** the appointment of Dr. Mahathir bin Muhammad, ex-Prime Minister of Malaysia, His Royal Highness Prince Al-Hassan bin Talal, ex-Crown Prince of Jordan, Dr. Amadou-Mahtar M'Bow, former Director-

General of UNESCO, and Mrs. Mehriban Alieva, spouse of the President of Azerbaijan, as ISESCO's Ambassadors for Dialogue among Cultures and Civilizations, and **reiterates its support** for this programme as well as for increasing the number of ISESCO's Goodwill Ambassadors and expanding their functions, so as to achieve the desired objectives.

**8. Expresses** its utmost appreciation for the activities ISESCO implemented on the occasion of the celebration of Isfahan, Aleppo, and Timbuktu as capitals of Islamic culture for the year 2006, and **lauds** the programmes and activities, it is implementing as part of the celebrations of the cities of Tashkent, Tripoli, Fes, and Dakar, as capitals of Islamic culture for the year 2007. It **welcomes** the holding by ISESCO of the Fifth Islamic Conference of Culture Ministers in the Great Jamahiriya (Tripoli, November 2007).

**9. Commends** ISESCO's hosting and good organization of the periodic meeting of the focal points of the institutions affiliated to the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the United Nations, held in ISESCO's permanent headquarters in Rabat (11-13/7/2006), which was the first of its kind to be convened outside the headquarters of the UN and in an Islamic country, and **welcomes** the request of the Russian Federation to join ISESCO as observer.

**10. Lauds** the activities implemented by ISESCO's Regional Offices, Delegations and Centers in Sharjah, Tehran, N'Djamena, Moroni, and Moscow.

**11. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude** to the Emir of the State of Kuwait for patronizing and hosting the Third Islamic Conference of Higher Education and Scientific Research Ministers (Kuwait City, November 2006). It **lauds** ISESCO's distinguished efforts in holding that conference, and **thanks** the Republic of Azerbaijan for having called to convene the fourth session of the Conference in Baku, late in 2008.

**12. Expresses its deep thanks and gratitude** to His Majesty the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz, for kindly patronizing and hosting the Second Islamic Conference of Environment Ministers (Jeddah, December 2006). It also **commends** the remarkable efforts exerted by ISESCO in the preparation and organization of the conference, in cooperation with the General Presidency of Meteorology and Environment Protection in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and **welcomes** the entrusting of ISESCO with convening the third session of the Conference late in 2008.

**13. Expresses** its profound gratitude to the leaders of the Islamic world and the eminent Muslim personalities who made donations for the building of ISESCO's permanent headquarters in Rabat.

**14. Expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude** to the Kingdom of Morocco, ISESCO's Headquarters State, and to its King, His Majesty Mohammed VI, for the unflinching support lent by the Moroccan government to ISESCO to help it discharge its mission in the most optimal manner.

#### **B) Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC)**

**1. Welcomes** the ICIC Statute's entry into force, following its ratification by 15 Member States (so far) in accordance with the resolution adopted by the 28<sup>th</sup> ICFM held in Bamako in June 2001, which fixed the quorum needed for this Agreement's entry into force by the ratification of one third of the OIC Member States at the time of the 13<sup>th</sup> ICFM in 1982, which, at that time, numbered 39.

**2. Urges** the Member States which have not yet ratified the Statute of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent (ICIC) to do so as soon as possible in order to enable it to carry out its tasks and realize its noble objectives. **Invites** all the Member States and Islamic institutions to provide material and moral support to the Committee so that it can implement its programs.

**3. Calls on** the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent to exert efforts regarding refugees and prisoners of war and provide care and protection in collaboration with the UN High Commissioner's Office for Refugees, the International Committee of the Red Crescent and other relevant regional, and international organizations.

**4. Expresses** its profound thanks to the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya for providing support and facilities to the Committee.

5. **Expresses its deep appreciation** to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania for hosting the 22<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Committee of the International Crescent held in Nouakchott on 23-24 January 2007.

6. **Expresses also its sincere thanks** to the ISF for providing support in the past to the Committee and **appeals** to the ISF to continue lending further support to it.

7. **Expresses its sincere thanks** to the Republic of Niger and the Kingdom of Morocco for ratifying the ICIC Agreement.

8. **Calls upon** Member States and concerned Islamic institutions to contribute to the realization of the Republic of Senegal's landmine removal programme in the region of Casamance.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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**AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION No. 9/34-C  
ON  
AFFILIATED INSTITUTIONS**

*The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan 28-30 Rabiul Thani 1428H 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);*

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the Islamic Summit Conferences and other Islamic Conferences, in particular the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Sessions of the Islamic Summit Conferences, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM), and the Eighth Session of COMIAC;

**Abiding by** Resolution No. 13/31-P on *the Rationalization of Islamic Resolutions and Agenda Items* adopted by the 31<sup>st</sup> Session ICFM, held in Istanbul, Turkey;

**Recalling** the resolutions adopted by the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly of the Islamic Sports Solidarity Federation (ISSF) as well those adopted by previous sessions of the ISSF Executive Committee, particularly its 11<sup>th</sup> Session held in Jeddah on 18-19 June 2006, in addition to the resolutions adopted by the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) held in Jeddah on 3-4 April 2005 and the Report submitted by the ISSF Secretary-General on its different activities;

**Having considered** the reports submitted by the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF), the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools, and the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation (ICYF-DC);

**Having considered** the Report of the Secretary-General on following the matters:

**A) The Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation (ISSF)**

**1. Hails** the future activities to be organized by the ISSF within its programs for 2006-2007, including in particular organizing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) and the Second Edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games to be held in the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2009; and **urges** the Member States participating in the games to do their best in making a success of these games, as was the case for the previous games hosted by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

**2. Calls upon** the Member States to honor their obligations towards the ISSF and settle their outstanding annual subscription fees so as to enable the ISSF to implement its programs.

**3. Welcomes** the convening of the Select Committee of Ministers of Youth and Sports under the chairmanship of HRH Emir Nawaf Ibn Faisal Ibn Fahd Ibn Abdelaziz, Executive Chairman of the Youth Committee, in support of the working paper tabled by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the First Islamic Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers (ICYSM) in coordination with the Islamic Sports Solidarity Federation (ISSF), in the first quarter of 2007.

**4. Expresses its appreciation** to the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the Taekwondo Coaches' Training Course, which was organized on 04-12 January 2007.

**5. Expresses appreciation and gratitude** to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, led by His Majesty the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz, Deputy Premier, Minister of Defense and Aviation, and Inspector-General, for the material and moral support which is being provided to the ISSF in addition to hosting the ISSF Headquarters.

**6. Expresses appreciation and gratitude** to His Royal Highness Prince Sultan Bin Fahd Bin Abdulaziz, ISSF President, for the unstinting attention he is dedicating to all sports issues and for advancing the causes of the ISSF with a view to achieving the objectives of the youth of the Muslim Ummah.

**7. Welcomes** the agreement concluded between the Islamic Solidarity Sports Federation and some United Nations subsidiary institutions to develop youth and sports capacities during the coordination meeting between the



institutions of the United Nations and the OIC, held at the Headquarters of ISESCO in Rabat in July 2006 as part of ISSF's efforts to implement the Ten-Year Programme of Action adopted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Extraordinary Islamic Conference in the Youth and Sports sector.

**8. Recommends** both the Islamic States Broadcasting Union (ISBU) and International Islamic News Agency (IINA) to establish coordination with the ISSF with a view to ensuring coverage of its proceedings, and especially spotlighting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Islamic Solidarity Games.

**9. Recommends** financially supporting the ISSF by the Member States in order to enable them to optimally implement their activities and for this support to be provided on an annual and specific basis on the part of Member States who wish to do so.

**B) The World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools (WF-IAIS)**

**1. Recommends** supporting the project of the World Examinations' Council for the Arab-Islamic Schools which has been established by the Federation, in collaboration with the League of Islamic Universities and the Muslim World League, and which aims at placing the examinations of the private Islamic schools under the supervision of well-known Islamic Universities.

**2. Recommends** the IDB to support the establishment of the Center for Teaching the Arabic Language.

**3. Recommends** all the institutions interested in disseminating the Islamic culture and the Arabic language to establish a center for teaching of the Arabic Language in Malaysia so as to serve the populations of south-east Asia

**4. Recommends** the General Secretariat, Islamic organizations and institutions, the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF), the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and the Islamic Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (ISESCO) to support the Plans and Projects of the World Federation of International Arab-Islamic Schools (WF-IAIS) and to provide to it all possible assistance for their implementation.

**5. Recommends** the ISF to continue to support launching training courses for teachers of the Arabic language and Islamic culture in Asia, Africa., Central Asia, and the Balkans.

**6. Also recommends** interested institutions interested in disseminating Islamic culture and the Arabic language to make their contributions for printing the Textbook for Teaching Arabic to Non-Arabic Speakers, which has been prepared by the Federation, as well as for its distribution among Muslim children and students by establishing a Printing press for the Federation at its headquarters as well as other Printing Presses in central locations in the Islamic States in order to facilitate its distribution and the benefit derived from it in those States and among Muslim communities.

**7. Invites** the IDB to continue its contribution to printing Arabic school and text books for non-Arabic speakers in needy countries.

**C) The Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation**

**1. Expresses its satisfaction** on the official opening of the ICYF-DC Head-Quarters in Istanbul hosted by the Prime-Minister of the Republic of Turkey and start of the ICYF-DC Secretariat functioning in its permanent Headquarters;

**2. Appreciates** the financial contribution made by the Government of Azerbaijan to the Forum; and **Calls upon** the Member States, the OIC subsidiary organs, specialized and affiliated institutions as well as other Islamic institutions to support the activities of the ICYF- DC, to provide financial contribution toward the ICYF-DC's annual budget and to coordinate, their work in the field of youth with the ICYF-DC.

**3. Endorses** cooperation between the Islamic Chamber of Commerce and Industry and ICYF-DC; **appreciates** contribution by the ICCI toward implementation of youth projects, in particular "Iqra" comprehensive leadership training program aimed at multi-faceted intellectual development of Muslim youth; **endorses** also Memorandum of Understanding between the ICYF-DC and IDB and the IDB contribution towards the establishment of the ICYF-DC regional Youth Center.

4. **Welcomes** the concept of Youth Waqf developed by the ICYF-DC in order to provide sustainable financing toward different projects aimed at thorough development of youth in the Members States and Muslim minority communities worldwide.

5. **Expresses** the assurance that cooperation between the ICYF-DC and the United Nations Organization and its appropriate organs and agencies, especially the United Nations Children Fund, the UN Special Unit for South-South Cooperation and UNESCO will have the effect of further strengthening the capacities of the ICYF-DC.

6. **Endorses** cooperation between between ISESCO and ICYF-DC in the areas of promoting OIC intellectual youth development and dialogue among civilizations; as well as cooperation between the government of Kuwait, IDB and ICYF-DC in the fields of Youth capacity building and promotion of Youth tourism in the OIC Countries.

7. **Appreciates** the activities held by the ICYF-DC to disseminate historic truth on the "Humanitarian catastrophes in the OIC Countries" in a special publishing series in particular, the first Arabic publication on the mass massacre by Armenian forces of Azerbaijani civilians in the town of Khojaly; **supports** the initiative by the ICYF-DC to convene in 2007 in its headquarters the OIC Intergovernmental Meeting of Experts to discuss the programme for youth on the subject; and **invites** Member States to effectively participate in the meeting.

8. **Welcomes** the Youth for the "Alliance of Civilizations" initiative developed by the ICYF-DC together with international partners and **calls upon** the Member States to provide financial and other contribution toward the implementation of this Initiative.

9. **Welcomes** the cooperation of the Forum with the OIC General Secretariat on youth issues and as a major partner vis-à-vis implementation of the OIC 10-Year Programme of Action in the field of youth related activities and to submit annual reports on the Forum's activities to the next session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers taking into account the coordination with the sub-committee of the 1<sup>st</sup> OIC Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

**RESOLUTION No. 10/34-C  
ON  
THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF COMIAC**

*The Thirty-fourth Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (Session of Peace, Progress and Harmony), held in Islamabad, Islamic Republic of Pakistan 28-30 Rabiul Thani 1428H 1428H (15-17 May, 2007);*

**Recalling** Resolution No. 13/3-P(IS) adopted by the Third Session of the Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah/Taif (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) in June 1981, in favour of establishing a Standing Committee for Information and Cultural Affairs (COMIAC) as well as all the subsequent resolutions of the Islamic Summit Conference on COMIAC;

**Recalling** the recommendations contained in the 10-Year Programme of Action adopted by the Third Extraordinary Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah Al Mukarramah on 7-8 November, 2005;

**Taking note** of the important recommendations issued by the Eighth Session of COMIAC, held in Dakar (Republic of Senegal) on 14-15 November, 2006;

**Having** examined the Secretary General's Report on the matter;

- 1. Notes with appreciation** the establishment of the COMIAC Permanent National Secretariat and the Follow-up Committee;
- 2. Expresses satisfaction** with the efforts put in by the Republic of Senegal to re-energize COMIAC;
- 3. Encourages and supports** the cooperation between COMIAC and the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) to explore ways and means that may be mobilized for the financing of the COMIAC activities;
- 4. Invites** the Member States and concerned institutions to bring their financial support to the COMIAC Programmes and Activities through the expeditious payment of voluntary contributions.

**Requests** the Secretary-General to follow up the issues incorporated in this resolution and report thereon to the 35<sup>th</sup> Session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM).

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